

## UK partnership aimed at improving schools

**Lexington:** The University of Kentucky and other state universities will partner to help public schools develop innovative ways to use technology to move Kentucky students from preschool to postgraduate degrees. The Kentucky Board of Education endorsed the effort Tuesday.

Kentucky becomes one of six states selected to develop such a program, joining Maine, New York, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Kentucky's program will be based at UK's new P20 Innovation Lab, created earlier this year to

incorporate new technology into teaching.

Mary John O'Hair, dean of UK's College of Education, said it could start showing results in the form of improved student achievement by the second year of operation. O'Hair worked on a similar program at the University of Oklahoma before joining UK last year. The first group of Kentucky public school districts will be joining the program this summer, O'Hair said.